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RICHMOND | ROAD TO RUIN



GASTON'S FURY: Workers walk along Government Road in Richmond, Va., Tuesday surveying damage caused when remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston dumped a foot of rain on the city. Flooding killed at least five people and devastated a historic neighborhood. 💠 Scene: Residents recount flooding | Page 9

Turnaround on Terror War

In reversal, Bush declares 'we are winning and we will win'

NASHVILLE, TENN. | President Bush said repeatedly on Tuesday that the United States will win its war against terrorism, trying to contain political damage caused by the doubt he expressed a day earlier.

"We may never sit down at a peace table, but make no mistake about it, we are winning and we will win," Bush told 6,500 veterans at an American Legion convention.

The president was trying to douse the criticism he touched off Monday when NBC aired an interview in which he was asked if the United States could win the war on terror and he answered, "I don't think you can win it," adding, "I think you can create conditions so that those who use terror as a tool are less acceptable in parts of the world."

Democrats hit hard at Bush's comment for a second day. "The president has gone from mission accomplished to mission miscalculated to mission impossible on the war on terror," said Phil Singer, a spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

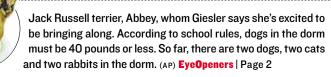
In a radio interview with talk show host Rush Limbaugh, Bush said of the comment, "I probably needed to be more articulate."

The anti-terrorism campaign dominated Bush's travels through Tennessee, Iowa and Pennsylvania on Tuesday as the Republican National Convention entered its second day.

First lady Laura Bush and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger were Tuesday night's co-stars, commending Bush to the country for four more years in office and praising him for unflinching leadership in a time of national testing. SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)

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DORM LIFE | Animal House New residents are getting settled in at a dorm at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. But they're not students. Prunty Hall is now home not only to people, but also to certain pets. That includes sophomore Alexandra Geisler's



eye Openers

EDUCATION

A Maize Maze

There's something corny about
Ted Johnson's plan to help
educate schoolchildren about
America's geography. Johnson
has cut a maze in the shape of
the continental United States in
a 12-acre cornfield on his farm in
Autauga County, Ala. Johnson used
global positioning system coordinates
and a lawn mower to lay out the pattern
of the maze when the corn was about
knee-high. He wasn't sure how good a
job he'd done until a friend who's a pilot



flew overhead two weeks ago and took a picture. "You could really see it's the United States." Johnson said. (AP)

GOOD FENCES

The Great Bra Cover-Up

Facing a fence festooned with bras, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks decided letting it all hang out was a bittoo much. The agency recently cutabout 20 bras offa barbed-wire fence near a state-managed fishing site along the Missouri River. That riled property owners Frank Cooper and Shirley Cleary, who created a "bra fence" after seeing one in New Zealand, The Independent Record newspaper reported. The compromise: Cooper and Cleary can put the bras back for a bit, but will then remove them until a screen can be constructed to hide them from public view. (AP)



SNAPSHOT

Pantless Wonder

The indignity of being chased down by an angry bull is one thing. Then there's losing your pants in front of a crowd of spectators. This lucky adventurer in suburban Madrid was privileged to enjoy both experiences in one day as he participated in a Pamplona-style running of the bulls at a bullring in San Sebastian de los Reyes, Spain, on Tuesday. He was one of the lucky ones. Local officials said 12 people were injured during the run, Spain's EFE news agency reported. How this particular runner ended up losing his pants was not immediately clear. (EXPRESS)

CRIME

A Really Bad Day For a Bank Robbery

Paul Michael Callahan, 32, was a bank robber in search of a bank, according to police in Boston. First thing Monday

morning, he allegedly tried to rob a copy shop at Boston University thinking it was a bank. When a clerk told him it wasn't, he asked for directions to the nearest Fleet bank branch. He allegedly robbed that bank but came away with less than \$200. Then, later

in the day, he held up a Citizen's Bank, scoring \$2,500, police said. But police caught up with him after a dye pack hidden in the money exploded and his truck broke down. They found him, covered in red dye, hiding in a gas station. (AP)



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SUCCESS STORY: The 500th loggerhead sea turtle to be rehabilitated by experts at SeaWorld Orlando waded safely into the waters off Cocoa Beach, Fla., on Tuesday. SeaWorld handles most of its rescues in the summer months. (AP)



Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON

NTSB Says Bridge Alerts Could Prevent Accidents

Federal safety officials on Tuesday said that an alert system could have warned a towboat crew that its pilot had fainted and prevented the deadly collapse of the Interstate 40 bridge near Webbers Fall, Okla., in 2002. NTSB chairman Ellen Engleman Conners said that only a handful of the nation's 600,000 bridges have systems to warn motorists. (AP)

FAGLE COLO

Judge Plans to Query Jurors In Bryant Case in Open Court

The judge in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case said Tuesday he would question some jurors in open court about their opinions in the case, despite prosecutors' concerns that doing so might unfairly influence other potential panelists. Jurors are instructed to reach a verdict based only on evidence presented in court, something the judge called "a monumental task in this case." (AP)

HARTFORD, CONN.

Former Rowland Adviser Will Not Be Forced to Testify

A former legal adviser to former Gov. John G. Rowland cannot be forced to testify against him in a federal probe into contract steering, a federal appeals court panel ruled. Anne George served as legal counsel to the governor's office from 2000 to 2003, when Rowland administration officials negotiated many of the deals now being scrutinized. (AP)



IN CUSTODY: A protester gets carried away by New York City police officers after being arrested during one of the demonstrations across the city on Tuesday.

N.Y. Police Manage Day Of Widespread Protests

NEW YORK | Activists donned pig snouts, climbed trees and staged small demonstrations from one end of Manhattan to the other Tuesday as police scrambled to manage a day of civil disobedience aimed at the Republican National Convention.

Officers encircled scores of demonstrators with orange netting at one afternoon protest, and authorities said 200 people would be arrested for blocking the sidewalk. Detained protesters were loaded onto an off-duty city bus. The protest's 500 demonstrators, a group called the War Resisters League, said they were staging a "death march" from the former site of the World Trade Center to Madison Square Garden, site of the convention. The arrests happened about a block from Ground Zero.

Almost 700 people have been arrested in convention protest activity since late last week.

No major disturbances or confrontations were reported by midafternoon. (AP)

U.S. Scientists Find New Planets

Astronomers make discovery on heels of recent European find

American astronomers say they have discovered the two smallest planets yet orbiting nearby stars, trumping a small planet discovery by European scientists five days ago and capping the latest round in a hunt for other worlds like Earth.

All three of these smaller planets belong to a new class of "exoplanets" — those that orbit stars other than our sun, the scientists said in a briefing Tuesday. They define this new class by the planets' smaller mass — roughly 14 to 18 times the size of Earth and equivalent to Neptune in our solar system.

Evidence of the two planets announced Tuesday was spotted by two separate teams of U.S. researchers using telescopes in Hawaii and Texas. Scientists not involved in the projects lauded both, saying their planets should be recognized as the first discoveries of planets in this class — rather than the Europeans who announced their planet last week.

The dueling announcements reflect the intensity of the race to discover exoplanets. The big prize, of course, would be to find an Earthsized planet capable of supporting life, but today's instruments cannot detect bodies that small.

Over the past decade, astronomers have found as many as 135 planets orbiting various stars, but all of them are giant gas planets similar to Jupiter and Saturn. (AP)

Other worldly: New planets represent important scientific step |
Today's Washington Post, A Section

Terror Convictions May Be Reversed

WASHINGTON | The Justice Department has asked a judge to throw out the convictions of members of a suspected terror cell in Detroit because of prosecutorial misconduct, reversing course in a case once hailed as a major victory in the war on terrorism, legal sources said Tuesday.

The department told U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen that it supports the Detroit defendants' request for a new trial and would no longer pursue charges of material support of terrorism. That means the defendants at most would only face fraud charges at a new trial, the legal sources said.

The decision came after a months-long independent investigation into the proseuction's handling of evidence in the case. (AP)



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LOCK UP: A New Mexico woman plans to sue after her third-grade son was handcuffed and taken to the police station for hitting another child with a basketball. A citation states that Jerry Trujillo, 8, was arrested last week after he "got out of control and refused to go back to class." (AP)

Fla. Eyeing New Hurricane

Frances strengthening as it churns in Atlantic, brushing Puerto Rico

MIAMI | A menacing Hurricane Frances gathering strength out in the Atlantic on Tuesday unnerved Florida residents still picking up the pieces weeks after the destruction of Hurricane Charley.

The prospect of another powerful hurricane had people stocking up on food, water and batteries and buying materials to fortify their homes against a storm that could hit the state's Atlantic Coast by the Labor Day weekend.

With Frances about 140 miles north of Puerto Rico, forecasts had it plowing through the Bahamas on Thursday or Friday before approaching the southeastern U.S. coast.



SURF'S UP: Texans Margarita Amnstrong, 16, left, and Josh Martin, 20, hit the beach in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Tuesday as Hurricane Frances grazed the coast.

State officials worried about finding shelter for people who may have to be evacuated. Many hotels

in southern Florida are occupied by people Charley left homeless and emergency workers. John Pain (AP)

Judge in Abuse Hearing Nixes Call for Witnesses

FORT BRAGG, N.C. | A soldier who appears in notorious photos from Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison may not call as witnesses the general who was in charge of guards there or a group of detainees, a military judge ruled Tuesday.

The ruling came as lawyers for Pfc. Lynndie England sought permission to call additional witnesses at England's Article 32 hearing, which is designed to determine whether the reservist will face a court-martial.

Col. Denise Arn, an Army judge acting as a hearing officer in this proceeding, denied defense lawyers permission to call as a witness Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who was in charge of military police at Abu Ghraib, but said they could sub-



Pfc. England, left, and her mother, Terrie England, at Tuesday's hearing.

mit as evidence a deposition given by Karpinski.

The defense also sought testimony from an unspecified number of Iraqi detainees, but the judge refused after a government lawyer said it would be very difficult to find them. (AP)

Priest Tells Parish He Was Abused

BOTHELL, WASH. | A Roman Catholic priest in the state of Washington shocked parishioners when he announced that he was sexually abused by a priest as a boy, and would resign rather than undergo a church-ordered psychological assessment

The Rev. Lawrence Minder made

the claim during three Masses on Saturday and Sunday at St. Brendan Catholic Church in the Seattle suburb of Bothell.

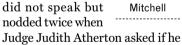
Minder said he would reject a request by the Archdiocese of Seattle to undergo a psychological assessment and would instead resign, witnesses said. (AP)

Kidnapping Suspect Found Fit for Trial

SALT LAKE CITY | A judge Tuesday found a homeless man competent to stand trial in the kidnapping of teenager Elizabeth Smart, after the man's lawyers decided not to contest the issue.

The decision swiftly ended what had been expected to be a three-day hearing to gauge Brian Mitchell's mental state.

The 50-yearold Mitchell, handcuffed and sporting a shaggy gray and black beard, did not speak but nodded twice when



agreed with the decision and understood what it meant.

Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee, 58, are charged with kidnapping Smart from her bedroom at knife point in 2002, and keeping her for nine months. She was 14 when she was abducted.

The two face kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, burglary and other charges. Travis reed (AP)



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World



HEIRS APPARENT: Jordan's royal couple, King Abdullah II and Queen Rania, are expecting their fourth child, the Royal Palace announced Tuesday. Government officials said delivery was expected in early 2005. (AP)

After Lull, Bombers Return to Israel

Suicide attackers hit buses, leaving 16 dead in worst attack of year

BEERSHEBA, ISRAEL | Palestinian suicide bombers blew up two buses in this Israeli desert city Tuesday, killing 16 passengers and wounding more than 80 in an attack that ended a six-month lull in violence.

The buses exploded into flames just seconds apart and about 100 yards away from each other in the center of Beersheba. It was the deadliest suicide strike in nearly a year.

The Hamas militant group claimed responsibility, issuing a leaflet in Hebron saying it was avenging Israel's assassinations of two of its leaders earlier this year.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met with his security advisers to plan a response, expected to include a military operation in Hebron. Just hours before the attack, Sharon presented his hardline Likud Party with the most detailed timetable yet for Israel's withdrawal from



DESTROYED: Israeli police and rescue workers gather bodies in front of one of the destroyed buses in Beersheba on Tuesday.

the Gaza Strip.

Despite the bombings, Sharon promised to push forward with the Gaza pullout, while insisting Israel would keep fighting terrorism "with all its might."

Thousands of Hamas support-

ers in Gaza took to the streets to celebrate. Palestinian officials condemned the attack, however, and called for an immediate cease-fire.

"The Palestinian interest requires a stop to harming all civilians so as not to give Israel pretext to

Why give to

continue its aggression against our people," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said in a statement.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher brushed aside Arafat's comments, saying action, not words, was needed. (AP)

'New' Coca May Outlive Fumigation

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA | Colombian officials say they have spotted a new strain of coca plants that is taller, bushier and faster-growing than the regular kind — and may be more resistant to herbicides.

The emergence of a new strain of coca, the prime ingredient of cocaine, could undermine U.S.-backed efforts to strip leftist rebels of their enormous profits from drug trafficking. Washington has provided \$3.3 billion to Colombia since 2000, most for a fumigation offensive on coca plantations.

Colombian officials say the aerial spraying has reduced coca crops by a third since 2001. An herbicide-resistant plant may be able to withstand the fumigation, however.

A U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said agents are busy trying to confirm the existence of the new plant. (AP)



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The average number of people per month who sought asylum in industrialized countries from January to June. It is the lowest level since 1987, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday. The peak year was 1992, when an average of 73,833 people sought asylum. (AP)

World

In Brief

AFGHANISTAN

Afghan Officials Allege U.S. Airstrike Killed 5 Civilians

U.S. warplanes bombed an Afghan village, killing more than a dozen people and striking the camp of a Danish relief group. The U.S. military said the airstrikes killed more than a dozen rebels. But Afghan officials said the dead included five unarmed civilians. The Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees said one of its workers was slightly wounded after a bomb hit its camp. (AP)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Trial in Coup Plot on Hold Till Thatcher's Role Clarified

Authorities in Equatorial Guinea on Tuesday suspended indefinitely the trial in an alleged coup plot in this oil-rich African nation, awaiting information on the alleged roles of Mark Thatcher, son of the former British prime minister, and other international financiers. Thatcher is under house arrest in Cape Town, South Africa, and has denied any involvement in the plot. (AP)

SWITZERLAND

WTO: Nations Can Sanction U.S. Over Anti-Dumping Law

The World Trade Organization authorized the European Union and seven other countries Tuesday to impose more than \$150 million in sanctions against the United States for failing to repeal anti-dumping rules. The ruling focused on the socalled Byrd Amendment of 2000, which empowered Washington to hand over to U.S. companies the duties imposed on foreign firms judged to be unfairly dumping cheap goods on the U.S. market. (AP)

Searchers Look for Workers

U.N. workers searched by land and air Tuesday for eight Sudanese aid workers missing in rebel-controlled territory in the western Darfur region, officials said. Sudanese officials said the aid workers — three from the U.N. World Food Program and five from the Sudanese Red Crescent — had been kidnapped by rebels waging an 18-month insurgency against the government. (AP)

12 Nepalese Reportedly Slain in Iraq

Video posted on militant Web site shows killings

BAGHDAD | A gruesome video posted on a Web site purported to show militants beheading a Nepalese worker and shooting 11 others in the first mass slaying of foreign hostages during the Iraqi insurgency.

If confirmed, it would raise the number of foreign workers known to have been slain by extremists to at least 22.

Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Avad Allawi promised retribution. "The only solution with this unjust group is to make them face justice," he angrily told Al-Arabiya.

In Nepal, relatives grieved after hearing the news. "What sins have I committed to deserve this?" said Jit Bahadur Khadka, the father of one of those reportedly killed.

Nepal, which has no troops in Iraq, has long banned its citizens from working in Iraq because of security concerns. However, 17,000 Nepalese are believed to have slipped into Iraq, with many working as armed security guards for foreign contractors.

Meanwhile, French officials held talks in Paris and around the Arab world in hopes of saving two journalists held by other insurgents in Iraq. The kidnappers set a Wednesday deadline for France to rescind its ban on Muslim headscarves in schools, a demand France has said it won't meet, RAVI NESSMAN (AP)



A photograph, showing what appears to be men lying shot in a pit, was posted on a militant Web site on Tuesday. The group said it had killed 12 Nepalese hostages.

Suicide Bomber Kills 10 in Moscow

Militants claim attack, which came one week after airliners downed

MOSCOW | A woman strapped with explosives blew herself up outside a busy Moscow subway station Tuesday night, killing at least 10 people and wounding more than 50. The attack came a week after two Russian passenger jets were brought down by what authorities said were terrorist blasts.

A militant Muslim Web site published a statement claiming responsibility for the bombing on behalf of the "Islambouli Brigades," a group that also claimed responsibility for the Aug. 24 airliner crashes. The veracity of the statements could not be confirmed.

The statement said Tuesday's bombing was a blow to Russian

President Vladimir Putin, "who slaughtered Muslims time and again." Putin has firmly refused to negotiate with the rebels in predominantly Muslim



Putin

Chechnya about anything other than their total surrender, saying they must be wiped out.

Several female suicide bombers

allegedly connected with the rebels have caused carnage in Moscow and elsewhere in Russia in a series of attacks in recent years.

Many of the bombers are believed to be so-called "black widows," who have lost husbands or male relatives in the fighting that has gripped Chechnya for most of the past decade. Investigators of the plane crashes are seeking information about two Chechen women believed to have been passengers — one on each plane. (AP)

'She decided to blow herself up among the people': Moscow's

mayor responds | Today's Post: Section A

HEARSAY | RAISE HELL

"It doesn't always get the headlines, but if you've got really difficult people living next door ... it makes life absolute hell."

-BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR HAILING THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST WEAPON AGAINST HOOLIGANISM, THE "ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR ORDER." THE ORDERS HAVE BEEN USED TO BAN SHOUTING, SWEARING AND PLAYING LOUD MUSIC. BREACHING AN ORDER IS PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON.

Taiwan's Leader Cancels Military Drills

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | Taiwan's president said he made a goodwill gesture toward China on Tuesday, canceling a major live-fire military exercise shortly after Beijing reportedly called off massive war games near Taiwan

The military drills have increased tensions between the two sides, which split during a civil war 55 years ago. Beijing insists Taiwan is Chinese territory and must eventually unify or suffer a punishing attack.

Taiwanese President Chen Shuibian said Tuesday that China was canceling its exercises, and that he'd reciprocate by calling off a military display called Hankuang, or Chinese Glory.

Chen's cancellation of the drills may have been aimed at impressing his own public and Washington. He wants to be seen as a peacemaker, not a reckless troublemaker trying to provoke China. (AP)

Milosevic Starts His Defense

Fiery rejoinder comes 2 1/2 years after start of his war-crimes trial

THE HAGUE | Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic launched a defiant defense Tuesday of his conduct during the Balkan wars, accusing his enemies of conspiracies against Serbs and insisting his countrymen acted in self-defense.

Milosevic sought to shift blame for atrocities and portray the U.N. war crimes tribunal as the tool of a U.S.-supported plot to bring about the violent breakup of Yugoslavia in fighting that left more than 200,000 people dead.

Alone at the defense table, Milosevic spoke with his customary swagger and sarcasm. But at times his face reddened as he rushed to complete his statement in the allotted time. Judges granted him an additional 90 minutes Wednesday.

It was the first time he was allowed to speak without interruption since his trial began 2 1/2 years ago. Anthony Deutsch (AP)

Republican Convention

PREGNANT PAUSE: A signed copy of Arnold Schwarzenegger's movie "Predator" sold for \$110 at an auction on



his Web site Tuesday. However, there were no bids as of Tuesday evening for a copy of the comedy "Junior." (AP)

CONVENTION CACOPHONY

A sampling of what was said on and off the Republican Convention stage, as overheard by reporters.

ff [O]ur true strength is not in our weapons. We are a great nation because we are



a good people. And we are a good people because of what we believe."

- SEN. ELIZABETH DOLE, R-N.C., addressing the convention Tuesday.
- I want to yell and scream. When you're 70 years old, you can do what you want."
- MARY DAILY, a delegate from Rolla,
 Mo., who arrived early for a good seat.
- know what the Christians probably felt like walking into the Coliseum."



— MICHAEL MOORE, there as a columnist for USA Today, on being booed Monday after Sen. John McCain alluded to his documentary "Fahrenheit 9/II."

At the Podium, Family Matters

First lady Laura Bush says her husband will work for a safer future

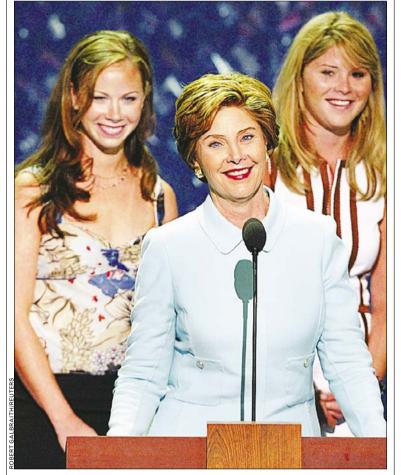
NEW YORK | Republican National Convention co-stars Laura Bush and Arnold Schwarzenegger commended President Bush to the country Tuesday for four more years in office, praising him for unflinching leadership in a time of national testing.

"I am so proud of the way George has led our country with strength and conviction" in the war on terror, the first lady said in prepared remarks distributed ahead of her speech.

"I believe in this president," added the Austrian-born California governor in a prepared speech that blended praise for Bush with a pledge to immigrants that the party will welcome them.

Schwarzenegger and the first lady had their turns at the Madison Square Garden podium on the second day of the GOP convention as 2,508 delegates awaited their opportunity to formally nominate the president for a second term in office.

In her prepared remarks, Mrs. Bush said that her husband's leadership has helped 50 million men,



ALL TOGETHER NOW: First lady Laura Bush, flanked by daughters Barbara, left, and Jenna, takes the podium in New York during a sound check on Tuesday.

women and children win freedom over the past four years, a reference to wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I want to talk about the issue that I believe is most important for my own daughters, for all our families, and for our future: George's work to protect our country and defeat terror so that all children can grow up in a more peaceful world," she added.

"I am so proud of the way George has led our country with strength and conviction."

-FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH
ON HER HUSBAND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Bush, locked in a tight re-election race, campaigned across three battleground states during the day. He's expected to arrive in New York on Wednesday, a day ahead of his nomination acceptance speech that is expected to sketch out a second-term agenda. Vice President Dick Cheney addresses the convention Wednesday night. DAVID ESPO (AP)

ILLUSTRATION BY TIM CLARK/FTWP

ALL FOR ONE | HOMETOWN CROWD



IT'S OFFICIAL: Cheers erupt from the Texas delegation after President Bush and Vice President Cheney clinched renomination Tuesday evening. Votes from Pennsylvania's convention delegates put the pair over the top.

Twins Describe Humorous Family

NEW YORK | Jenna Bush says she's more like her father while sister Barbara says she is more like her mother. The twin daughters of President Bush and his wife, Laura, recall a home full of humor and parents whose personalities complement each other.

"He's funny and he's loud and he wants to get attention," Jenna Bush said in an interview for cable channel A&E's "Biography" series.

"She has so many quirks in her personality," Jenna said of her mother in the interview, a portion of which aired Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"She's really cute acting, she's a really cute personality, we think, so that's where the humor comes from," Jenna said. (AP)

Loyal Opposition

Notes and quotes from the Democrats:

HEARTFELT: The leader of an organization of Purple

Heart winners joined in the protests Tuesday as Democrats said "purple heart bandages" distributed by a GOP convention delegate to mock John



leaders turned to domestic issues and criticism of Bush's claims to be a compassionate conservative Tuesday. "It's difficult to make the case that they're compassionate when the poverty rate has risen and energy costs and health-care costs are continuing to go up," said lowa Gov. Tom Vilsack. (AP)

Kerry were a slap at all who have won

RAPID RESPONDERS: Democratic

the military decoration.

The Lineup | Cheney in the Spotlight

The Veep Speaks

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Local

School Vouchers Are a Hit in D.C.

WASHINGTON | As the school year begins in the nation's capital, more than 1,000 students are using a new voucher program to escape the city's troubled public schools.

Officials running the nation's first federally funded voucher program said Wednesday the response was

overwhelming. Seventy-four percent of students who met eligibility requirements are enrolled in participating private schools, and more applications are under review.

The D.C. Parental Choice Incentive Act provides up to \$7,500 per child to cover educational expenses. While tuition rates range from \$3,000 to \$22,415 per year, participating schools have waived costs exceeding the grant limit. (AP)

Sniper Says He's Denied Underwear

FAIRFAX, VA. | Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad complained to a judge Tuesday that his jailers refuse to let him wear underwear and have restricted his access to his legal files.

A sheriff's spokeswoman denied

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Aug. 31

the claims made at the conclusion of a pretrial hearing in the second capital-murder case against Muhammad, "How does it make the courtroom safe with me coming in, no T-shirt, no underwear,

no socks?" Muhammad. (AP)

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Floods Ravage Richmond

Tropical storm leaves 5 dead and damages city's historic district

RICHMOND, VA. | Flooding touched off by the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston left at least five people dead in Virginia on Tuesday and devastated a historic Richmond neighborhood that was the heart of the Confederate capital during the Civil War.

In the city's hard-hit Shockoe Bottom district, dozens of cars that had been carried off by the raging floodwaters were strewn about the streets, which were caked with mud and scattered with bricks and other debris

Residents and city officials described a scene of terror as floodwaters fed by a foot of rain swept through the low-lying area on Monday, reaching depths of up to 10 feet. Rescue crews helped lift



Brian Suddarth surveys the damage to his car in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday.

passengers out the windows of a marooned bus, and panicked motorists raced to escape their cars.

City officials closed off 20 blocks of the of the historic area, declaring them off limits until the buildings can be inspected.

Officials said that the damage would easily be in the millions of dollars, Gov. Mark R. Warner said he would ask Washington to declare a state of emergency, making residents eligible for federal aid. STEPHANIE STOUGHTON (AP)

Va. GOP Picks Schrock's Replacement

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | Republicans reeling from U.S. Rep. Edward L. Schrock's decision not to seek a third term picked a state delegate from Norfolk Tuesday to replace him on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The Second Congressional District Republican Committee voted by secret ballot to nominate Del. Thelma Drake, a real estate agent, to take on David B. Ashe.

Schrock, 63, a married, retired

Navy captain who did two tours of duty in Vietnam, cited unspecified "allegations" for his surprise decision to retire Monday. A Web log has published claims since Aug. 19 that Schrock solicited sex with another man on a gay telephone dating service. (AP)

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THE SNYDER TOUCH: Shares of amusement park company Six Flags rose nearly 25% on Tuesday, a day after a company



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filing revealed Washington Redskins owner Daniel Snyder acquired nearly 9% of the company's stock. (AP)

Consumer Outlook Slides on Job News

Confidence index hits lowest level since May, far below expectations

NEW YORK | Consumers' renewed worries about job prospects led to a bigger-than-expected drop in confidence in August and provided more evidence of the fragility of the economic expansion.

The Consumer Confidence Index, which had been rising since April, dropped 7.5 points to 98.2 from a revised reading of 105.7 in July, according to a report Tuesday from The Conference Board, a private research group.

The reading was well below the 103.5 that analysts expected, and was the lowest since May, when it registered 93.1.

"The slowdown in job growth has curbed consumers' confidence," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "The level of consumer optimism has fallen off and caution has returned."

Economists closely track con $sumer confidence \, because \, consumer \,$ spending accounts for two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity.

The report came a day after the Commerce Department said consumers spent more freely in July. The government disclosed at the same time, however, that personal incomes grew slower than analysts expected in July. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

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IntstBak	5.17	+.61	+13.4	SirnaThera	2.90	+.49	+20.3		
Navteg n	32.88	+2.45	+8.1	AeroGen rs	2.42	+.38	+18.6		
McMoŘn	13.99	+1.04	+8.0	Devcon	16.78	+2.42	+16.9		
Phosphate	3.17	+.22	+7.5	StrtgDis s	15.00	+2.13	+16.6		
Losers				Losers					
WinDix	4.17	72	-14.7	QiaoXing	7.65	-1.95	-20.3		
UtdRentl	14.69	-1.31	-8.2	SM&A	6.59	-1.66	-20.1		
Mastec	5.41	32	-5.6	21CenHld	14.84	-2.51	-14.5		
CDI	21.00	-1.20	-5.4	SierraWr	17.65	-2.40	-12.0		
WldFuel	35.18	-1.90	-5.1	palmOne	32.65	-4.01	-10.9		

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO			
Prime Rate	4.50	4.50	British Pound	.5545	.5574	.6348			
Fed Funds close	1.5625	1.50	Canadian Dollar	1.3116	1.3187	1.3864			
3-month	1.57	1.52	European Euro	.8214	.8293	.9104			
2-year	2.40	2.46	Japanese Yen	109.25	109.93	116.74			
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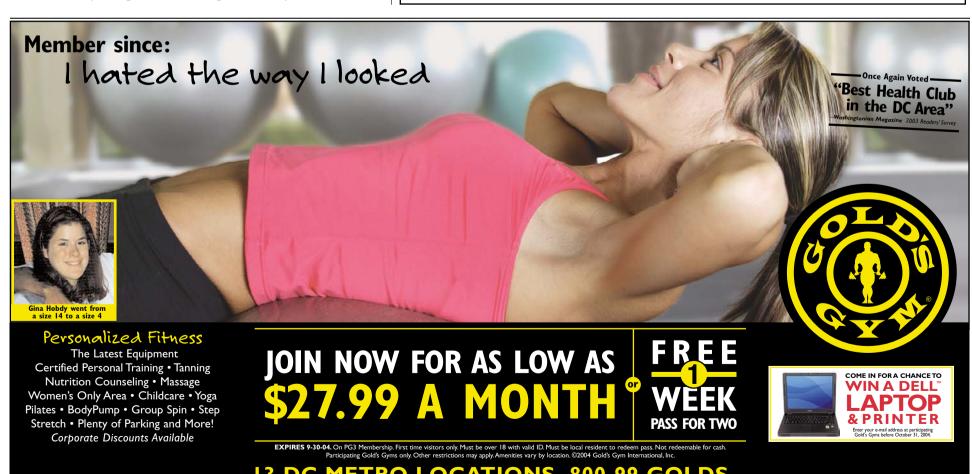
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Disney	22.45	+.05	-3.8
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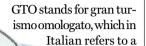
THANKS, AMERICA: Jaguar Cars, which is owned by Ford, is cutting production at its three British plants because of poor sales of its luxury cars in the United States, the company's biggest market. (AP)



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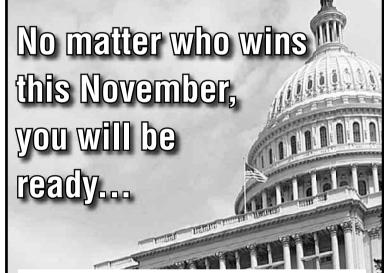
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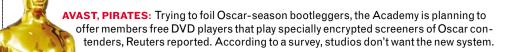
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Entertainment



Chillers in the Air

As are comedies, drama and romance this fall film season

FILM PREVIEW | Temperatures drop, kids return to school, a new crop of films is ready for harvest. Here are September's highlights:

With a nod to Flash Gordon, "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" is a sci-fi extravaganza that mixes high technology with a feel of yesteryear. Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow chase down a mysterious villain who wreaks havoc on New York City circa 1939.

Paul Bettany plays a tennis star whose game improves dramatically when he meets Kirsten Dunst in "Wimbledon." Sounds like love.

"Wicker Park," based on the French classic "L'Appartement," is a psychological drama about a man caught in an obsessive search for a woman (Rose Byrne).

In "Mr. 3000," Bernie Mac plays a cocky baseball legend who emerges from retirement to clean up his tarnished record.

Milla Jovovich faces further zombie threat in "Resident Evil: Apocalypse."

Gael Garcia Bernal portrays the late communist revolutionary Che Guevara during his care-







A RICH HARVEST:

Clockwise from left, the speculative biography "Motorcycle Diaries"; futuristic retro action in "Sky Captain"; and obsessive love in the psychological drama "Wicker Park."

free youth in "The Motorcycle Diaries." (In November, you can catch Bernal playing a transvestite in Pedro Almodovar's drama "Bad Education.")

Fresh from her "Monster" Oscar win, Charlize Theron cleans up to play a European artist whose carefree, bisexual lifestyle is upended by World War II in the drama "Head in the Clouds."

In "The Forgotten," Julianne

Moore plays a mother whose young son has gone missing. Trouble is, no one believes she ever had a son.

For some levity during this acrimonious election season, Katie Holmes plays the headstrong offspring of the president in "First Daughter."

In a more pointed political movie, Chris Cooper plays a clueless gubernatorial candidate modeled after President Bush in John Sayles' "Silver City."

In the John Waters-directed comedy "A Dirty Shame," Tracey Ullman plays an upstanding housewife who becomes a sex addict after a bump on the head.

After nine years, writer-director Mamoru Oshii follows up his acclaimed Japanese anime "Ghost in the Shell" with "Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Today's TOD Stops

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Homegrown: Caldwell Gray

The Washington Area Timeline Concert Series spends its last weekend honoring local musical greats in the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion. (The series continues, but moves next week.) Tonight, it's Caldwell Gray and Friends.

Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 7:30 p.m., free; 301-530-0540.

Hear Here: Sonic Circuits

At the sound of the tone, the time will be ... the future. The Sonic Circuits ongoing festival is a celebration and demonstration of how technology can be applied to artistry, meaning music-making, yes, but also sound art, video art and "new media."

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



The Caution Curves (Rebecca Mills and Tristana Fiscella) rock their laptop.

Women in Jeopardy

Lifetime's 'Wild Card' gets a new time slot and a dramatic boost

 $\mbox{{\tt TWEAKS}} \ | \ \mbox{``Wild Card''} \ \mbox{has gotten} \ \mbox{wilder}.$

Joely Fisher, who plays private investigator Zoe Busiek on the Lifetime series, says the network "wanted us to be more in peril; they wanted the stakes to be higher so the cases weren't so namby-pamby."

More danger isn't the only change. The show has a new time slot on Sundays at 10 p.m. And Busiek and crime-solving partner Dan Lennox (Chris Potter) have a new boss — M. Pearl McGuire (Loretta Devine).

But "Wild Card" still plays up the banter and high jinks between Busiek and Lennox. Also Busiek still has to juggle the demands of her work with being a mother to three children she inherited when her sister was killed.



SNOOPY DAME: Fisher as Zoe Busiek on the gentle crime drama "Wild Card."

Fisher relates to the qualities that make Busiek good at her job. "She's intuitive, good at unearthing the truth, good at getting people to open up to her."

She also likes the old-fashioned aspect of the show, more akin to "Murder, She Wrote" than today's hard-edged crime dramas.

And she's pleased to read messages from female fans identifying the 36-year-old as "more like me than other actresses."

Fisher would like to have time for an exercise routine but "now I have a toddler and a television show and I wonder when that would be!"

BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

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NOT BEACH READING: Phillip Roth is up to literary mischief, even provocation, as his forthcoming novel, "The Plot Against America," imagines isolationist zealot Charles Lindbergh winning the White House in 1940 and signing a friendship pact with Adolph Hitler.



Entertainment

It's Time for Slim Shady's Phat Return

PROFITS | Eminem is back. "Encore," his first full album of new material since 2002's "The Eminem Show," is slated to reach stores Nov. 16 in the midst of the fourth-quarter holiday season, the record industry's biggest time of the year.

The Detroit rapper has kept a relatively low profile since 2002,

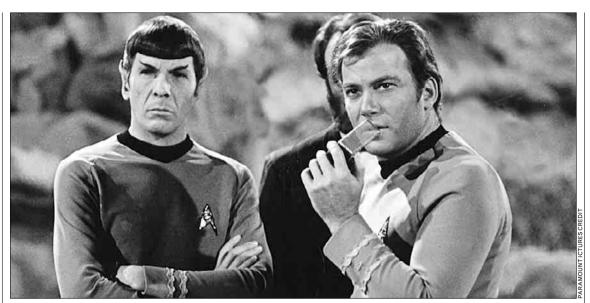


Fminem

when he also starred in the film "8 Mile," which yielded a hit soundtrack album and included the Oscar-winning song "Lose Yourself."

albums, together with the "8 Mile" album, have sold nearly 19 million copies in the United States. And though he hasn't released an album under his name in two years, he was key to the success of his old rap group D12's album "D12 World" earlier this year. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)





"MUST ... BUY SEASON ... ONE ON ... DVD": Spock, Kirk and anonymous, soon-to-be-offed guy report from a distant planet.

Tune Me In, Scotty

A home-viewing 'Star Trek' that's highly logical

DVDS | "Star Trek" is coming out on home video!

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B. The late 1980s?

C. 1991?

D. 1999?

E. 2004?

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with "Trek" logos and raised silver lettering: Those first journeys into the final frontier with Captain Kirk, Spock, Dr. McCoy, Scotty and that soon-to-be-offed anonymous crewman. The first "Beam me up," the first "warp speed" and "Uh cunnud dooit, Cabtin!"

And it's all in crisp, digitally restored video — those saturated 1960s colors never looked better — with a Dolby 5.1 surround remix that adds presence and immediacy to those 40-year-old mono soundtracks.

Though the extras are provoking frustration in online fandom that they aren't extensive enough, the historical special features do attempt to put the series in context for the casual viewer.

We forget how groundbreaking "Star Trek" really was — the first "adult" science-fiction series with continuing characters. As entertainment culture became more "relevant," "Trek" scripts dealt with racism, ecology, tyranny, social dissent, questions of identity, the value and risk potential of computers.

By now, we're so jaded with all the "Trek"-isms ("I'm a doctor, not a baby sitter!") that we've lost sight of the series' ingenuity and even insight. Try watching this seminal season set with fresh eyes.

"Star Trek" Season 2 comes out in a blue container Nov. 2; the red Season 3 package arrives Dec. 14. DIANE WERTS (NEWSDAY)

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Entertainment



"If you're not a dwarf, you can't represent dwarfs. You are not going to understand what we're going through."

Actor Eugene Pidgeon, on forming a little people's committee within Screen Actors Guild

Ray Charles' Many Friends

CORDINGS | Concord Records this week releases "Genius Loves Company," a star-studded duets album by Ray Charles. While the project was highly anticipated in its own right, the legendary performer's June 10 death is expected to propel the title to even greater heights.

Concord Executive Vice

President John Burk co-produced the album with Phil Ramone. Burk says the idea of cutting a duet set arose when the artist signed with Concord last year.

"Some of [the duet partners] were really important to Ray, because they were some of the best friends that he had in life — B.B. King and Willie Nelson and Gladys Knight."

Other singers appearing on the set include James Taylor, Diana Krall, Elton John, Natalie

Cole, Bonnie Raitt and Van Morrison.

Sessions for "Genius Loves Company" lasted from July 2003 through this spring. The first track cut was "Sinner's Prayer," featuring King and Billy Preston.

LIVING VOICE: Charles' last album is "Genius."

Recalled Burk, "I walked in and I looked around and I went, 'OK. King of the Blues, Genius of Soul, Fifth Beatle — not the least bit intimidating. OK, roll tape."

The last session, for the John duet "Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word," came in March, as Charles' health was declining. "People were crying in the control room," said Burk. "Elton came back in to listen, and he started crying." CHRIS MORRIS (BILLBOARD)

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HAWAII (8 p.m., NBC) All the exotic scenery in the world can't distract us from this cop show's ancient cliches. A scene actually opens with black-and-white buddy cops quibbling over marital woes while tailing a suspect in their vintage muscle car.

DUDE, SHOULDN'T YOU BE COVERING THE CONVENTION?

Aaron Brown hosts the NATIONAL COLLEGIATE DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (8 p.m., CSTV).

KNOCK DOWN MY HOUSE, FOX

If, as Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation," that's because the mass of men really want a tummy tuck, a brand new kitchen with a Sub-Zero fridge, a



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house with curb appeal and a "pimped out" car. And that's why the gentle souls at Fox invented **RENOVATE MY FAMILY** (8 p.m., Fox). First up: The Biggins.

GROOVY - OR JUST WEIRD

Tom Courtenay and Candice Bergen star in the peculiar 1967 comedy **THE DAY THE FISH CAME OUT** (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel), about the search for lost atomic bombs amidst the decadent scene on the Greek islands. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Two Become One

COMEBACKS | In "Murder Without Conviction" (Sun., Sept. 5, 8 p.m., Hallmark Channel), Patty Duke plays Mother Joseph, a nun who helps solve a 30-year-old homicide involving twin brothers as the prime suspects.

The project made her think of her days playing identical cousins Cathy and Patty Lane on her 1960s self-titled sitcom.

"I wanted to be able to go over there and say 'You do the split screen like this," the actress said. "They all knew it — they didn't need my information."

Instead, what was needed on the set was time for Duke to get used Meg



NUN TAKEN: Patty Duke, left, and Megan Ward in an unholy mystery.

to her character's outfit, which consisted of a habit and slip.

"When I stepped outside, I almost killed myself walking in the long skirt," she revealed with a laugh.

Wardrobe malfunctions weren't an issue for Duke back in her TV heyday. During her show's 1963-66 run, the biggest problem she faced was a wall.

"There was one [dressing room] for 'Patty' and one for 'Cathy.' When I changed clothes, I went in the 'Patty' one — if that was appropriate — or the 'Cathy' one," she said.

"The second year, I got brave and asked for the wall to be taken down so there could be more space to do schoolwork.

"It was not a request that people liked, but they did it." (AP)

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IN MEMORY: The NFL will honor Pat Tillman, the former Arizona safety killed in Afghanistan, by having players on all 32 teams wear a decal bearing Tillman's number 40 in games of the second week. Cardinals players will wear it all season.

Redskins Give Pierce A Chance

Linebacker impresses coaching staff with versatility, intelligence

REDSKINS | Linebacker Antonio Pierce has made the most of another opportunity and has now turned into a luxury for the Washington Redskins.

The undrafted free agent signed in 2001 has impressed yet another Redskins coaching staff with his intelligence, work ethic and versatility to take one step closer to becoming a full-time starter in the NFL.

Pierce's climb up the depth chart was cemented on Sunday when the team released 10-year veteran Kevin Mitchell, who had started the preseason at middle linebacker in place of starter Mike Barrow.

However, Pierce's speed and ability to play all three linebacker positions has, for now, turned him into the preseason starter.

Assistant head coach for defense Gregg Williams said there are always places for versatile players like Pierce in his defense that has so many looks.

"You can throw him out there in any situation and he knows what he do," Williams said. (AP)

Deion Arrives for Physical

Sanders scheduled to sign 1-year deal with Ravens on Wednesday

DEION WATCH | Deion Sanders is prepared to end his retirement and join the Baltimore Ravens.

The seven-time Pro Bowl defensive back arrived Tuesday in Baltimore to take a physical. If he passes, Sanders will sign a one-year contract laden with incentives on Wednesday and work toward playing in the Ravens' season opener Sept. 12 against the Cleveland Browns.

Sanders, 37, played cornerback in his prime, but will be used as a fifth defensive back in Baltimore.

"This game is not all that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billick said Tuesday.

Sanders' experience will be invaluable to a defensive unit that will look to him for guidance. During his days with the Atlanta Falcons, San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys — when he was known as Prime Time — Sanders was one of the best cover cornerbacks in the NFL.

"To have him come here is an



QUOTH THE RAVEN: Ravens head coach Brian Billick said on Wednesday that from what he has heard, there's no question that Deion Sanders "will be able to compete."

honor," Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister said.

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season, which he spent with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the AFC North title and advance to the Super Bowl.

"Based on people we've talked to, opinions we trust, I'm sure there's no question he's going to be able to compete," Billick said.



Prime-Time Player: Tony Kornheiser says it's a no-lose situation for "his man,"
Deion Sanders, to make a return with the Ravens | Today's Post, Sports

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Standings through Aug. 30 games



WHO KNEW? The Redskins released cornerback Ralph Brown on Tuesday to trim their roster to 65 players to

comply with league rules. (AP)

Falcon Clipped: Hall Out for 2 Months

FOOTBALL | The Atlanta Falcons learned Tuesday that rookie cornerback DeAngelo Hall will miss six to 10 weeks with a small fracture on the left side of his hip.

Hall, the No. 8 overall pick from

Virginia Tech and the first cornerback taken in the draft, had been designated as a starter three months ago by coach Jim Mora. Kevin Mathis will replace Hall Friday when the Falcons visit Washington. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) Rookie Daniel Cabrera goes for his 10th win of the season when the Baltimore Orioles visit the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The Anaheim Angels and Boston Red Sox play in a game with playoff ramifications for both teams.

BASEBALL (10 P.M. ON ESPN2) Barry Bonds can inch closer to his 700th career home run in the San Francisco Giants' game against the Colorado Rockies.

TENNIS (II A.M. AND 7 P.M. ON USA) The women move into the second round while the men wrap up the first round of the U.S. Open.

Holdsclaw Placed On Injured List

WNBA | Chamique Holdsclaw was placed on the injured list Tuesday, meaning she'll miss at least three games for the Washington Mystics.

Holdsclaw has not disclosed the nature of her health problem, which came up in late July and sidelined her for three of Washington's four games before the Olympic break. She is the WNBA's second-leading scorer behind Seattle's Lauren Jackson.

On her Web site, she issued a statement Tuesday saying she'd "like to thank everyone for their wishes, support and prayers as I take some needed time to address a personal medical issue. The past several weeks have been difficult for me and it has meant a lot for me to receive such incredible support." (AP)

IRAQ SOCCER | WARM WELCOME



HOMECOMING: Iraqi soccer team midfielder Hassan Turkey, left, smiles as he walks with an Iraqi Olympic official upon their return to Baghdad on Tuesday following the team's strong showing at the Olympics. Supporters waving the country's flag greeted the team upon their arrival.

'I AM THE CHAMPION': Adrian Annus, the Hungarian hammer thrower who was stripped of his gold medal after refusing to take a follow-up



drug test at the Athens Olympics, said Tuesday he still considers himself the champion and vowed to keep his medal.

Sports

Safin on Chopping Block

Former U.S. Open champ ousted in 1st round

TENNIS | Marat Safin grabbed his racket with both hands, leaned forward, and cracked it to the court three times, as if chopping wood with an ax.

It was a brief show of anger, a tiny indication that he cared whether or not he lost in the first round of the U.S. Open, the tournament he won four years ago. Neither his play nor his words lent much insight Tuesday.

Just like at Wimbledon two months ago, Safin exited at the earliest stage in the year's last Grand Slam, bowing meekly to Thomas Enqvist 7-6 (5), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The 13th-seeded Russian was broken twice while serving for the first set, waved lazily at shots down the stretch and kept his usual muttering to a minimum.

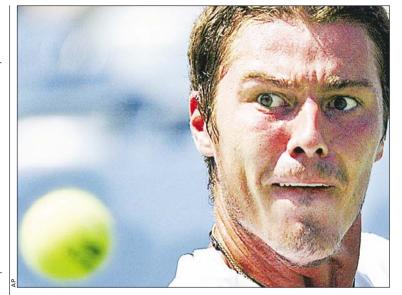
Compare that effort to No. 5 Tim Henman's. Battling a bad back that kept him off the practice courts for three days, Henman withstood 6-foot-10 Ivo Karlovic's 39 aces and toughed it out for more than 3 1/2 hours in a 7-6 (3), 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory. Howard Fendrich (AP)

OTHER RESULTS:

- → JUSTINE HENIN-HARDENNE
- defeated Nicole Vaidisova, 6-1, 6-4,
- → LINDSAY DAVENPORT defeat-
- ed Lubomira Kurhajcova, 6-4, 6-0. → ANASTASI MYSKINA defeated
- Ludmila Cervanova, 6-1, 6-0.
- → MARY PIERCE defeated Emilie
- Loit 6-1 6-2
- → PAUL GOLDSTEIN defeated Takao Suzuki, 7-6 (5), 2-6,

6-2.6-1

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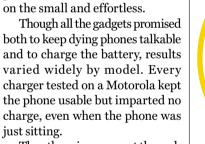
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Time Out

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Beat the Clock

Sometimes time makes itself known a little too literally - like when your

cell-phone battery goes lifeless in the middle of a critical conversa-

For such occasions, a number of

emergency chargers are available for

cell phones and even Palm devic-

es. We eschewed the ones involv-

ing physical exertion, like crank or

pedal models (really!) and focused

Minutes Count

tion about "The O.C."

The other gizmo we put through the paces, PCTel's WiFi Seeker, helps save minutes by seeking out wireless network signals so your laptop won't have to. It's perfect for mooching off folks who don't password protect their WiFi routers. But that would be wrong. (EXPRESS)

Meals on Wheels

Once associated with the housebound, grocery delivery has acquired a fanbase among young, busy (or lazy) Washingtonians. Online service Peapod is the biggest game in town. After 12 orders in three months, we've gathered some wisdom:

You can't just order toothpaste, so stock up. There's a \$50 minimum order, with a delivery charge of \$9.95 for orders between \$50-\$75; \$7.95 for orders between \$75-\$100; and \$5.95 for orders over \$100.

Ordering pre-packaged produce like Wonder Fruit (\$3 for four peaches, nectarines or plums) reduces your chances of receiving



chargers powered by regular old batteries are simple - just snap on a 9-volt when you need juice. From top: Belkin's Palm charger fits several models (Radio Shack, \$10). Models from chargerkeychain.com (\$10) fit several phone brands, but the site is unreliable. Gold Lantern's (staples.com, \$10) works only on Nokias.

PLUG'N' PLAY: The Zipposized Cellboost, left, comes in LG, Motorola, Nokia, Samsung, Sony Ericsson, Siemens and Sanyo flavors. (Office Depot and Radio Shack, \$7). The Instant Power mini-charger is available for Nokia and Motorola only (www.instantpower.com, \$10).

SEEK 'N' FIND: PCTel's WiFi Seeker (pctel.com, \$30) detects the presence and strength of 802.11 b/g wireless networks, so you don't have to open your laptop to check for a signal. It's particularly handy on networked campuses (or in office buildings), where the signal is dispersed and can vary widely from place to place.

bruised or unsavory produce. The less you care about produce, in fact, the happier you'll be.

When ordering highly perishable foods, include a note in the "comments" box on the checkout page requesting a specific expiration date. If you do get an expired item, call customer care (1-800-5-PEAPOD). They'll credit your account, but you'll be without the item until your next delivery.

Organic foods were the only ones to sell out. If you can live with the non-organic version, check "Allow comparable substitutions" on the checkout page.

Attended delivery means you choose a time frame - usually two hours — in which you'll be at home. Delivery times were consistent: In Foggy Bottom, the drivers nearly always arrived within 15 minutes of the end of the delivery window; in Woodley Park, they arrived smack in the middle. The driver called ahead the three times he was going to be late.

Unattended delivery means the driver will leave insulated crates at your door. Some apartment buildings don't allow this, however, so check with manage-

Clean Living

It's probably not cheaper than quarter-eating dorm or apartment washers. But if you've got the money and can put up with mocking from your peers, laundry delivery services are a decadent way to save time.

FOOD-LIKE: Peapod can provide the nutritionless dry goods you require to live.

Call 202-686-1300 to schedule a pick-up time with **MOM'S LAUNDRY** (1331 Connecticut Ave. NW). There's a minimum charge of \$18 (that's about 10 pounds; Mom's estimates a week's worth is about \$18 to \$30). Mom's does not serve the University of Maryland or the College Park area, however.

WISHY WASH LAUNDROMAT (635 East University Blvd., Silver Spring) serves UMD and much of Montgomery County, as well as Northwest D.C. Call 301-928-1965 to get started. There's a \$15 minimum charge; see wishywash.com for rates. Owner Rick Mollica said he has a number of customers at George Washington University.

To avoid sticker shock, try not to wait forever. A couple weeks ago, "we had several 300-pound loads from people who didn't do laundry for a month," said Mollica. Cost: \$255. JENNIE KIM



Live Online

Cirque du Soleil

Cirque du Soleil artistic director NICOLETTE NAUM and set designer STEPHANE ROY were online Tuesday to discuss the show "Varekai," which premieres in Washington on Sept. 16 | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Please explain the show.

NAUM: Varekai means "wherever," and it's about survival. It's about human beings that gather together in a forest and establish a new place. This "family" expects a huge event to happen, which is the fall of Icarus, the main character, who has lost his wings.

How will the show be done at RFK Stadium?

ROY: Cirque du Soleil will be performing in one big-top tent that will accommodate 2,600 people. Around the tent there are five smaller ones for refreshments, socializing, entertainment, VIPs, etc. It'll be like a little village all around. It'll have its own ambience and will no longer be like a stadium. It will reflect the theatrical, poetic, familial energy that Cirque du Soleil represents.

Is it true your group was scouting the Olympics for future performers?

ROY: In Varekai there are 25 performers who were in the Olympics in Atlanta or in Sydney, and they're amazing. Last week we had members of Cirque at the Olympics in Athens who were interested in some of the athletes to possibly join us in the future

How does one become a member of Cirque? Is it a big organization?

NAUM: The casting department travels around the world constantly. They go see the Olympics, they go see festivals, they visit athletic organizations. People also apply, sending us their resumes and videotapes, and we invite them to audition.

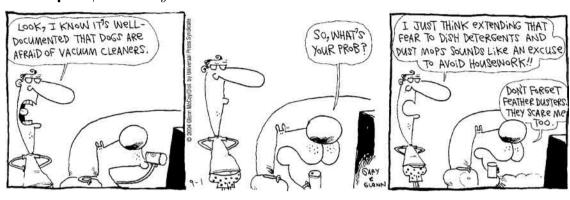
The company has about 3,000 employees. We have nine different shows going on currently in various parts of the world. Four of them are permanent shows (three in Las Vegas and one in Orlando) and we have five touring shows (one in Japan, one in Australia, two in Europe and us, in America).

→ Today on Live Online

2 P.M.: Former presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan, in New York for the Republican National Convention, takes questions.

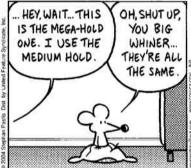
4 P.M.: High school sports editor Jon Denunzio discusses The Post's football preview.

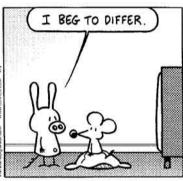
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Letters

GOP Deserves Fair Play

I READ EXPRESS DAILY and was impressed by the positive coverage of the Democratic Nataional Convention in July. So I was disappointed to see that on the eve of the GOP convention in New York there was no such positive coverage of how many people would attend, or of the interesting speakers who were to come; instead, the front page had a negative focus on pro-

Again on Tuesday I picked up the paper, and while, yes, there was coverage of Monday night's speech-

es, it was with a negative connotation. This election is indeed a competition, but the media are looked upon to present a clear image to the public, not a liberal bias. Do the Republicans not deserve the same amount of positive press as the Democrats? Let's play fair.

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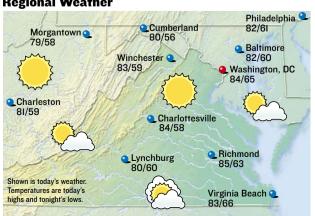
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People

INJURIES

Charlize Suffers Crippling Angst About Career Choice

CHARLIZE THERON was injured while shooting the Paramount film "Aeon Flux" in Germany, but her represen-



tatives aren't saying how badly she was hurt. Theron suffered the unspecified injury while doing her own stunts

in a wire-hanging action sequence, the movie's publicist, Jeanmarie Carrasco, said Tuesday. "No cuts, no broken bones," Carrasco said. "I think it was something less tangible than that.... Something vague and nagging." Filming in Berlin has been halted for several weeks. (AP)

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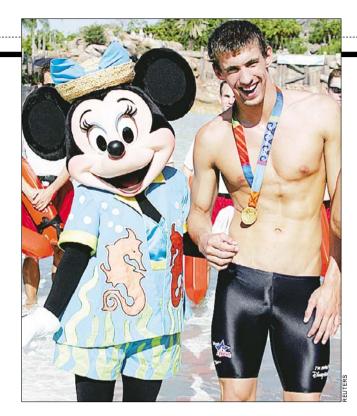
... And Wasn't It Hilarious When He Threw That Chair?

Texas Tech coach **BOBBY KNIGHT** has approved a sitcom deal with CBS and Paramount Television. The companies are exploring the development of a show based on Knight's

life. The coach, 63, would serve as a consultant and might make guest appearances. "Right now we don't have a



writer yet, so we can't get into too much detail," said Lindy DeKoven, who would serve as the show's executive producer. The next step is for a writer to go to Lubbock, Texas, and spend time getting to know Knight at work and at home. (AP)



Is This Goodbye?

Unless he commits a crime or dates Paris Hilton, beloved Olympian and oft-shirtless corporate mascot MICHAEL PHELPS is on the verge of four more years of relative obscurity. But no! We cannot let this happen. Buy tickets to Disney's "Swim With the Stars" tour. Eat from his Wheaties box. Buy a Speedo with a Visa while talking on an AT&T phone. Patronize Pete's Grille in Baltimore. Submit a question to michaelphelps.com. It's too soon to say goodbye. (EXPRESS)

O'Brien One-Ups **Couric in Twins Coup**

SOLEDAD O'BRIEN'S American mornings will be getting a lot more bleary-eyed. The CNN anchor, co-host of "American Morning" with Bill Hemmer, gave birth to twin boys on Monday evening. Charlie was born at 6:23 p.m. and Jackson arrived four minutes later. Jackson, at 7 pounds, 2 ounces, out-

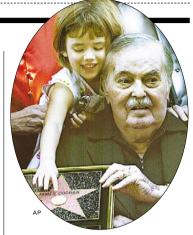


weighed his brother by an ounce. O'Brien, 37, and her husband, Brad Raymond, have two daughters:

Sofia, 4, and Cecilia, 2. They live in New York City. (AP)

In Final Appearance, Scotty **Bids Farewell to Trekkies**

JAMES DOOHAN, who played Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery "Scotty" Scott in the "Star Trek" films and television show, was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Tuesday. It is expected to be his final public appearance. The ceremony capped a two-day farewell tribute held in Hollywood. The actor, 84, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease several months ago. (AP)



James Doohan, his star and his daughter, Sarah. Yes, his daughter. She's 4.

WORDY QUOTES

How to Take a Compliment

Guitarist CARLOS SANTANA was honored as the 2004 Latin Recording Academy Person of the Year in Los Angeles on Monday. The Associated Press asked him how he kept the tribute from going to his head. He said, "I've been repeating for a long time that I am a beam of light that

comes from the mind of God. ... Since I can definitely say that, like



you, I am a beam of light that comes from the mind of God, then I don't have to squirm or interrupt people

when they give me a compliment. I can say, 'Thank you so much.'" (AP)



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Costumes worn by British ice dancing champion CHRISTOPHER **DEAN** during his flamboyant routines with partner JAYNE TORVILL are to be auctioned for charity. SportsAid, which raises funds

for aspiring

athletes, said Tuesday the auction will feature 11 of Dean's outfits, donated by Torvill, who kept them when Dean moved to the United States. (AP)

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Pugilistic Prose | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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- 51 Cushion "Rosemary's
- Baby" author, Levin
- 54 Sole point 56 Edward Albee
- 61 Hebrew cleric

- 65 Economizing 68 Geometry It's left calculation
 - 69 Corporate department
 - 70 Latin list-ender
 - 71 Pond denizen, perhaps
 - 72 Impudent 73 Dry as a bone

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- Foolhardy 2 Fitzgerald of
- songs 3 Wild attempt
- 4 Subject of conversation
- 5 Cowboy or Indian, e.g.
- 6 Actor/ director Howard
- 7 Contract loopholes
- 8 Worker at plays
- 9 Compound or intensify
- 10 Henry VIII's
- sixth 11 A large chunk
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- 13 Loathe
- 18 Word with winning or losing
- 19 Undulation 23 Eye rakishly
- 24 Desolate
- areas
- 26 Trail-mix
- eater 27 Banks of the
- Cubs 28 Night lights
- 30 Until now 32 Ripken.
- 33 Part of a regiment
- 35 Lassoed
- 38 The Pentateuch
- 42 Ready for picking
- disorder

of the diamond

- 34 Greek mall

- 55 Bowler's

- 41 Top executive
- 43 To the rear 48 In the bucks
- 53 Sleep
- - 59 "Get lost!" 60 Custard ingredients 62 Small portion

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58 From square

66 Dance step

- 63 Kodiak, e.g. 64 Tropical getaway
- 49 Drops behind
 - 67 Bridge authority Culbertson

Yesterday's Solution 56 Extend across 57 Ireland

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By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Follow your

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This may be that big day you've been waiting for, but to enjoy it, you must be willing to make

held accountable for something that is not your fault. Take the time to explain yourself calmly, reasonably and clearly. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be misinterpreting the facts, and as a result certain issues may become volatile. It's up to you to keep things calm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not as outgoing as some, but you will find a voice when you need it, and others are sure to be influenced by what you have to say

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your dreams may seem out of reach as the day begins, but a chance encounter will bolster your hopes and inspire you to strive harder.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your organizational skills will serve you and others well, but it's your ability to improvise that will pay off as the day wears on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Begging is

not the way to get back into someone's good graces. Be confident, secure and willing to talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Organization is the key to your ultimate success, but you must take advantage of any opportunity to gain control of your affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're sure to enjoy a rich and rewarding interaction with a Scorpio or Leo native. Take care you don't get completely swept away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your freedom may be at stake, so don't hesitate to talk about anything that you feel is pivotal. Stress autonomy and independence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your reaction to a worldwide development says a great deal about your own personal progress. Share your views.

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dreams and you're likely to wind up in a surprising place, one that affords further discovery and a shot at the big time.

a sacrifice. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be

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